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Welcome

To the second edition of 'Focussed on Corby' magazine. In this issue you will see we really are focussed on Corby with lots of local information and special offers to give back to the people of Corby. For instance, why not treat yourself and the family to a U16s home game at Corby Town FC in December.....ON US? Or watch the first team at any home game in January for 25% OFF. Inside this issue you will find not one, but two match day ticket vouchers. Enjoy!

Willows Place and Corby Awards will be giving some insight into what has been going on in Corby and the furture for the town. We have letters from our new Mayor Julie Riley, as well as the Carnival Queens who have been travelling around carnivals all over the UK this summer representing our great town - and a sterling job they have done.

As Xmas and New Year are upon us, we at Focussed would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! May it be the best year for you and your family.

Editor & Designer

Craiq Barber

Five tips to keep your 2017 fitness goals on track

You know it's that time of year again right?

Planning for 2017 – "New year, New me" blah blah blah.... And if your resolution is to lose weight, take my advice and change your focus and do it because you want to not just because you think you should like everybody else is.

Setting yourself a resolution like this can sometimes be counterproductive, as you can be too strict on yourself, expect results too quickly, and just set yourself up to fail.

But if you want to make real positive progress, here are my top five most successful tips to help you get fit and keep those resolutions on track in 2017.

1.Keep it real... If you have spent years trying to get fit and lose weight, don't be shocked when you don't get life changing results after the first two weeks. This is about making lifestyle changes and playing the long game for guaranteed success.

2.Get moving... Find something you like doing that gets you into a bit of a sweat and keep doing it, something as simple as taking the kids for a run around the park or a long walk with the dog to get you out of the house and moving!

3.Eat for results... This time of year is prime time for fad diets and the latest celebrity eating plans, but you won't stick to it just like you haven't in the past. We all generally know what's good and bad food, and that we should be eating plenty of good quality protein, veg, fruits, healthy fats and drinking plenty of water – often though we simply don't see it through. Be consistent, don't be too harsh on yourself, enjoy the occasional slice of cake, and see it through. Trust me!

4.Lift weights... Don't be scared to lift weights, hitting the gym will help change your shape and increase the calories that you burn. Keep it varied and fun and something you can do at least three times per week without it ever feeling like a chore.

5.Ditch the scales... Getting on the scales every day won't help you shift any more weight, and this can sometimes leave you feeling down and negative towards your goals. Take regular pictures of yourself as a guide, let the mirror and your clothes do the talking - not the scales. The magic number we all chase doesn't exist, so don't waste time trying to find it.



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Town FC If you venture up to the Rockingham Triangle in the northern area of the town, just across from Rockingham Castle, you will find Steel Park Stadium the home of Corby Town Football Club.

The Steelmen have been a huge part of the town's history and culture since they were formed in 1948. They currently compete in the Northern Premier League, averaging crowds of over 600 during the last season. As well as recent success such as the Southern League championship winning season in 2014/15, Corby have also hosted some giants of European football in pre-season friendlies during recent seasons including FC Porto, PSV Eindhoven, Premier League champions Leicester City, Newcastle United, Leeds United and Liverpool who included Phillippe Coutinho and Emre Can in their starting XI.

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Since taking over the club in April 2014 the current board of directors, made up of local businessmen, have also worked hard to take the club back into the community that it serves and encourage football for all in the Corby Borough.

Corby Town now have youth sides representing the club from Under 11s up to Under 16s in both boys and girls leagues, as well as a double winning Under 18s youth side and a full time Under 18s academy in partnership with the town's CKW academy

A senior womens team was introduced for the first time last season and went on to claim the Northants Womens and Girls league title during their first campaign, in emphatic style.

In addition to these development teams, the Steelmen offer coaching sessions in schools, half term soccer schools, walking football taster sessions and opportunities for local teams to be ball boys/girls at first team fixtures.

There is also a bar and boardroom at the club, which are open on match days and available for both corporate and private hire 7 days a week.

Corby Town chairman Stevie Noble said; "It has been the commitment of the board to take the club back in to the local community since day one and that has never changed. This club belongs to the people of Corby and exists to represent them on the field and provide them with opportunities off the field.

Through our youth sides young boys and girls across Corby are able to represent their hometown team and show people what it means to be a Steelboy or Steelgirl.

Over the coming year we are looking to expand on our current coaching sessions and to enhance our links with local primary schools by offering coaching sessions for the pupils. We see it as our responsibility to help nurture talent in this town and to provide a clear pathway for local footballers to develop and progress in the game and as human beings.

This continues in to our full time academy, where we provide professional coaching and education to young footballers aged 16-18 as part of our two year course."

On the field things have not been so positive in recent times for the Steelmen, who have struggled at the start of the 2016/17 season following their relegation from the Vanarama National League last season.

Noble added; "We have been going through a tough time over the past year on the pitch, however the way that the supporters have stood by us is testament to what the people of the town feel for this club and we really appreciate their fantastic support and want to give something back.

We now have a new management team in place and are backing him to bring in a squad that he believes can achieve success for the club and the town. We have already added a former Premier League striker in Stefan Moore and will be looking to add more quality.

The football club is here for the whole town and we would encourage anybody to come and support the team when we are playing. We want to create a Corby Town Football Club that local people can be proud of, both on and off the pitch."

For more information please visit www.corbytownfc.co.uk or contact Stevie Noble on 07976 313 030.



Corby Town Youth Academy

Corby Town youth academy was formed in 2012 under head of youth Mark Peters. Starting off with 7 teams, U11-U16 age group, after 2 seasons lack of numbers forced a rethink.

Alan Strickland was appointed academy director in 2015 to oversee a major change of direction. Cutting back to 3 teams, U11, U15 and U16 for this year, all teams play in the NERF junior premier league against football league and conference opposition.

The academy provides a link from local community into professional football and is a pathway where talented players can progress. It is our ethos to ensure football is accessible and affordable with top class coaches at our academy. Sponsored by Alpha Tanker Services, also a local company, we aim to increase age groups for 2017/18.

The new female section of Corby Town FC originally started as Corby Gems FC in 2011 with aim to provide girls in Corby and the surrounding area a chance to play football in a female only focussed environment.

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The club has blossomed year after year, culminating in the formation of the Ladies team in 2015, and this year with the entire section playing under the Corby Town banner. The teams have had numerous successes over the years, winning League titles and League Cups and with the ladies winning the League in their first season, overall the future is bright for female football in Corby.

The club does not just develop the players on the pitch but actively encourages the girls to become involved with the coaching side and at present have 7 female coaches that have either played or are still playing the sport within the club. Many of the girls also train with the County FA's Girls Advanced Coaching Centre and more recently one of the U15s squad was accepted into Boston United FC Centre of Excellence, part of the FA player pathway into the national squad. The girls develop great friendships within the club and learn how to work as a team to achieve their goals, something which we believe will set them in good stead for adulthood.

Corby Town isn't just a Football Club, It's a family, it's a focal point, it's where many members of a wider community gather to support a club that carries the name of the

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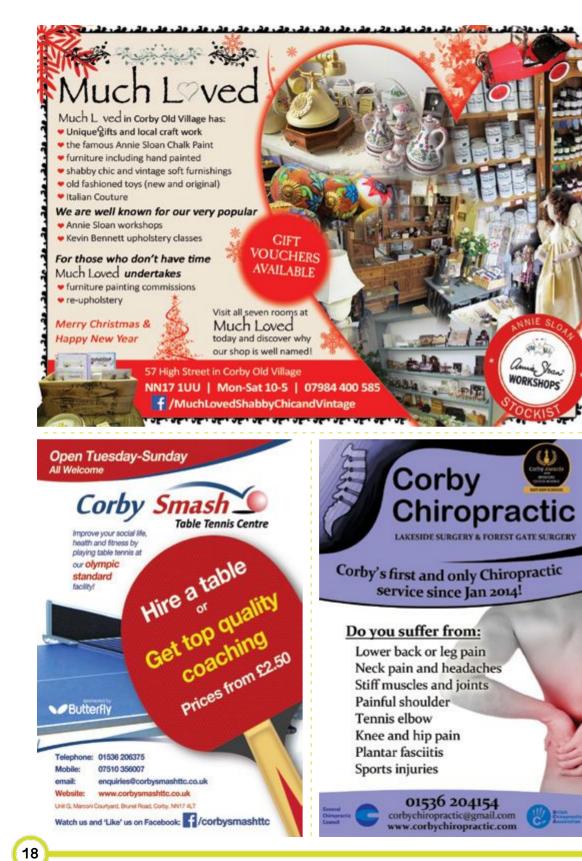
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On Friday 30th September we were lucky enough to be invited to the fourth annual Corby Awards ceremony, which saw a packed out Rockingham Forest hotel with the crème de la crème of Corby Businesses and The Lady Mayor of Corby as guest of honour all dressed up and ready to celebrate their own and each others successes in their respective categories.

After a scrumptious 3 course meal washed down with a couple glasses of vino it was time to get down to business.

The first category was for best use of social media and the finalists were: Watch my Chops dog training, The Sun Shack, House Pets Corby and Gateway HR. The Sponsors choice winner being House Pets Corby and the Corby Awards winner Gateway HR.





Category number 2 celebrated the best sole trader award and the finalists were: Sophia Mad 2 Perform, KTV Tableware hire, Brides of Corby, Harley's Furry Tail Boutique, Mucky Pups Child care, TMM Carpentry and Vintage Dens. The winner of the sponsors choice award was Watch my Chops Dog training and the Corby Awards winner was Mucky Pups Childcare.

The third category celebrated best dining experience and the finalists were: The Good Bean Café, Tea Jenny's Cottage, Hungry Hossee, The Sondes Arms, Olive and Italegelato. The sponsors choice winner was Olive and the Corby Awards winner being the Good Bean Cafe.





The fourth category was for best health and beauty and the finalists consisted of: High Maintenance Salon, House of Hair, Evie's Hair and Beauty, Corby Chiropractic, Classics Ruby 🝈 ROSC – Beauty, Little Hair Boutique, Carodance Fitness Professionals and Ruby Rose Health and Beauty. The sponsors choice was Carodance Fitness Professionals and the Corby Awards winner was Ruby Rose Health and Beauty.

The best Trades and Services awards saw the following finalists: Watch my Chops Dog Training, DC Jointing, Mucky Pups Childcare, KTV Tableware Hire, TMM Carpentry, Little Learners Childcare, House Pets Corby and JBs Garage. The Sponsors Choice award was taken home by TMM Carpentry and the Corby Awards winner was KTV Tableware Hire.







The sixth category was for Small Business of the year. The finalists were: KTV Tableware Hire, UK Brand Sales LTD, Hair by Hayley, Hungry Hossee, House Pets Corby, Ashfield Consultancy, Gateway HR LTD, Millar Aquatics. The sponsors choice was awarded to Ashfield Consultancy and the Corby Awards winner was Millar Aquatics.

Best New Business finalists were: Nicole Hope Music, Brides of Corby, Gracious Events, Catch 22, Corby Chiropractic, Ziggy's Children's Parties and The Sun Shack. The sponsors choice of the evening was Corby Chiropractic and the Corby Awards

winner was The Sun Shack.



The Penultimate and uplifting category of the evening saw an emotional Nancy Green from Classics Beauty accept her trophy for Inspiration of the year award, with a standing ovation that nearly took the roof off.

Finally, the evenings most prestigious award saw finalists battle it out to be crowned Best Business of the year! Those amongst the contenders were Laurence Recruitment, Star Cars. Little learners Childcare, Italgelato LTD and the Race Club Carting UK. The Sponsors Choice winner was The Race Club UK and the big Corby Awards winner of the night was Little Learners Childcare.



The Sponsors, without whom the awards would not be possible, deserve a special mention and they should be proud to be advocates and lead the way for all businesses big and small in the area. So thank you to: Chrysalis fitness and nutrition, Land rover experience, Eazyprint, Corby Rugby Club, Cambridge weight plan, Elsby and Co, Jaycee trophies, Box Photography, Innovation Audio Visual, Velocity and Salonista.



And finally a big thank you to the charity of the event, Lakelands Hospice, who kindly provided the commentary for the evening from Paul Marlow and thanks to the generosity of everyone present for raising £564.00 for this fantastic local charity.

Each business clearly demonstrated excellence in their field and we can only imagine how difficult it must have been to choose the winners. As was said in the evenings opening speech, each person present deserved to be in the final and everyone of them is making Corby the great place it is to live, work and prosper!

We for one, cannot wait for next years' awards ceremony, which we are sure will be every bit as fantastic to be a part of as this one was!

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- 5) THROWS AWAY SMALL PIECES 10) HE'D TRY ONE NEW VAN OUT OCCASIONALLY 11) ANNOYING DAGGER NOT BEGINNING WITH UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT
- 12) HUMAN SMELL AND GRAPE TREES PRODUCE CATTLE
- 13) GENT WITH FAMOUS SAILOR IS A PLANT
- 15) WILD PARTY WITH CARDING POINT IS A BIG BIRD
- 18) SAILOR UNKNOWN WITH VESSEL MAKES A CHASM
- 20) ORGANIC COMPOUND FORMED WHEN A COVER HOLDS A METRIC WEIGHT NEARLY

23) BE THERE AROUND PROFITS AND OPPOSED TO 25) PRIME COLOUR SOUNDS EXPENSIVE ANIMAL 26) BEING TOGETHER WITH ABANDON IS VERY LIVELY 27) ABSTAIN FROM THE MAN FIRST 28) CHURCH EXISTED FIRST WAS IN EXISTENCE

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1) VERSE IN CHARGE HOW LYRICAL 2) ORATE WITH SIMPLICITY IS AN ILLICIT BAR 3) EMPLOY SOME TIMBER ITS CHEAP BOARD 4) FEATURE CONTAINING ZERO FORMS RUNNING LOOP

- 6) RAT TO STATE THE DEAD BODY
- 7) A POINT TO LAYER PRODUCES A PALE LOOK 8) MUSICAL GET TOGETHER
- 9) ST VALENTINES SAY HAS TIME OFF AT SUNRISE
- 14) ADVERTISE COPYING INCLUDING 16) CREATURE NEARLY FOLLOWED BY ATOM CREATES A BENCHMARK
- 19) TRESPASS SHORT SIDE AND MAKE MOST BIRDS SAY 21) LARGE ENGLISH REPTILE GIVES EASY ACCESS 22) BRITISH SCOUNDREL WITH A BROAD ACCENT 24) CURRENT NAMES CORROSIVE MATERIAL

25) GARDEN TOOL AND ELISABETH RUHMAC CROSSWORD BY MR JOHN MILLAR

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DECEMBER:

Q: Doctor Strange is the latest of the Marvel Characters to get a big screen adaptation, but who plays him in the film?

JANUARY:

Q: Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them is now out, but which set of magical books about a schoolboy wizard is this a prequel and spin-off to?

FEBRUARY:

Q: Star Wars: Rogue One is now on, and tells the tale of the resistance fighters who stole the plans for the original Death Star (the back story behind the original 1977 Star Wars film), but what other famous franchise starring Harrison Ford as an archaeologist is Director/Producer George Lucas involved in?

Mayor of Corby 2016-2017

Having lived & worked as a Teacher in Corby since 1977, I feel very honouxed & priveliged to represent the people of Corby. What a whirlwind 6 months I have had visiting more places, clubs and voluntary organisations that I ever imagined existed in Corby. My charities this year are the Paecliatric Air Ambulance & the Travers Foundation. The Baby Air Ambulance is a new service whereby a specialist team and equipment can be flown to any baby who needs special care, who does not live near a hospital specialising in their care. They also provide night cover with road Ambulances during the time the helicopters are not allowed to fly. The Travers Foundation is a volunteer run Charity that helps 13 to 30 year-olds improve their skills in sports, the creative arts and the performing arts. They help local teams, groups and individuals in Rutland, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire to achieve their potential.

Hello from

Cllr Julie Riley

Be sure to look out for my fundraising activities, and please dig deep to help these extremely worthy causes wherever you can - it really is true that every little helps! I will be attending Corby Borough Council's Christmas Market on James Ashworth Square on Saturday 3rd December 2016 with a collection bucket and will be inviting people to have a go at 'Guess the Name of the Sprout' and 'Guess the Name of the Snowman' – there is an exciting prize of Family Pass the Parcel up for grabs – perfect to be played around the Christmas table!

You can also look out for my Talent Night, Fashion Show and Mad Hatters Ball coming up in the new year along with much more? If you would like to volunteer or have any ideas of your own to help me raise as much money as possible, then please get in touch via Facebook (Julie Rikey), or c-mail Alison.Beattie@corby.gov.uk

Wishing you all a Merry Claistmas & a Healthy and Happy New Year

Well... The end of my reign is drawing ever closer and as this is the last edition of Focussed, before I stand down, I would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am to all of those who have supported Corby Carnival this Year. The time has flown and I have gained so many very valuable memories that I will always hold dear and treasure for the rest of my life. I have made some funtastic friends and met some really lovely people along the way and would highly recommend being a Carnival Princess.

Corby Carnival was absolutely brilliant this year and I know for a fact that it would not had been the same had everyone not come together to keep the atmosphere alive!

The first of my thank yous is to all of the Area Princesses who have done such great work raising money and supporting so many charity events within Corby. I would also like to thank all of the organisations that have invited us to attend their events and The Carnival Committee for organising everything! The Transport Gala played a big role this year in all of our East Carlton Park events, so I would like to thank them for that, thank you to the Mayor of Corby for all of her support and Terri Meechan, our wonderful chaperone.

This now leaves me with one last thank you...that is to the girls in my court. During our time together, we have all become great friends, through all of our ups and downs, our giggles and squabbles, our fun and the exhaustion, we always stick together, work as a team and do our very best to make Corby very proud. So, if I hadn't said it enough already... THANK YOU!

Kara - Corby Carnival Queen 2016 Rosaland Munro Katie Donnelly Hi I'm Paige Barber and I am Corby's junior carnival queen

One day I woke up to realise that I was picked to be one of the six representatives to represent Corby!

I jumped out of bed in the morning and dressed up like a princess. I did my hair and put on my sparkly make up, then finally the time had come to slip on my big Disney dress. I am Ariel as our theme this year is Disney princesses!

I never thought I would be saying this but I felt like a real princess. Since then I have met beautiful girls inside and out and all the different courts. I have loved seeing how different other people's carnivals are to ours.

Me, Aimee and of course Kayleigh would just like to say thank you to everyone that has been involved with us this year including our parents and of course Terri- She is not just our taxi! She is our wonderful chaperone.

> I am excited to see what the future holds for me and the other girls.

Thank you for taking time to read this Yours sincerely, Your Junior Carnival Court Paige Barber Kayleigh Reddington Aimee Ballantyne xxx

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